THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Prisons being a State subject, the State Governments have been addressed to improve the condition of women in jails. As per information available, no AIDS cases, as such have been reported amongst women prisoners in Calcutta and Madras Jails. However, a few cases of AIDS virus infection among prostitutes detained in Vigilance Homes in Tamil Nadu and West Bengal were reported.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The recommendations were referred to the State Governments. Their implementation is a continuing process. However, the Central Government has been providing financial assistance for upgradation of jail Administration, including separate jails/annexes for women prisoners.

1001. [*Transferred to the 8th May*, 1987].

Guidelines for curbing riots disturbances

1002. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for issuing guidelines to State Governments to arrange for the training of the police personnel in curbing riots and disturbances; and

(b) if so, what are the details of such guidelines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Maintenance of law and order including curbing of riots and disturbances is the responsibility of the State Governments. Training of police with a view to improve their functional efficiency is, however, constantly emphasised.

Steel Pipe and Tube Industry

1003. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the steel pipe and tube industry has demanded full payment under the international price reimbursement scheme; and

(b) if so, whether Government have proposed to extend such concession?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Yes, Sir. The Steel pipe and tube industry has requested for reimbursement of extras under the International Price Reimbursement Scheme.

(b) The suggestion is under examination.

Repatriation of Chakma Refugees to Bangladesh

1004. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that repeated requests by the Bangladesh Government to have talks with regard to the repatriation of Chakma refugess camping in Tripura and to solve the insurgency problem between the two countries have evoked no response from the Government of India;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor particularly when there is unabated infiltration of Chakma refugees into the country; and

(c) how do Government propose to solve the issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government will continue to impress upon Bangladesh the need to create the conditions within Bangladesh which will enable the refugees to return in safety.

Enrolment of workmen by construction companies for sending them abroad

1005. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of construction companies are enrolling workmen alluring them with promises of foreign appointments and some are also exporting human labour;

(b) if so, what are the names of such companies (both approved and unapproved) and the number of workers actually sent abroad by them during the last three years, year-wise and the amount taken by them from each of the workers for foreign assignment;

(c) whether it is a fact that one such Company, M/s. Continental Construction Co. situated at 28, Nehru Place, New Delhi had already taken twelve to fifteen thousand rupees per worker from a number of workers in the year 1983 and are still awaiting their chances to be sent abroad while during all these years the Company has been extracting free labour from these workers; and

(d) whether this is permissible under the rules and if not what steps Government propose to take against the company for cheating the innocent workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There is no list of approved and unapproved companies. Over 35,000 workers were deployed by the construction companies during the last three years but year-wise break-up is not available. The companies cannot charge any money from the workers.

(c) Some complaints were received in this regard but could not be substantiated.

(d) No, Sir. Complaints of cheating are enquired into and also referred to the Police.

Lifting of ban on Export of Monkeys

1006. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to lift the ban imposed on the export of monkeys from the country; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Visit by the External Affairs Minister to European Countries

1007. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he visited some European countries during the month of April, 1987 (30th March, 1987 to 5th April, 1987);